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**TITLE:** Integrating hepatitis, HIV, and STD services: Increasing high-risk clients access to STD Clinic-based screening, vaccination, partner, and follow-up services.

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**ISSUE:** Persons with certain lifestyle behaviors are at an increased risk of HIV, hepatitis (A, B, C), and STDs and their serious sequelae. Offering services addressing these conditions in one clinical setting (STD clinic) should increase access for high-risk clients who could obtain screening, vaccination, referral and follow-up, and partner management services (STD program field investigators).

**SETTING:** STD clinic and STD Field Investigator service, San Diego, CA, targeting injection drug users (IDUs), men who have sex with men (MSM), and persons with multiple sex partners.

**PROJECT:** STD clinic clients complete a risk assessment form and are offered hepatitis B vaccination (since Feb 1998), HIV counseling and testing, and STD screening and treatment. High-risk persons are case managed to complete the hepatitis B vaccination series. Persons reported as hepatitis B carriers are counseled and sex and needle-sharing partners are offered hepatitis B testing and vaccination. HIV partner counseling and referral services (PCRS) will begin in May 1999. The STD clinic plans to offer hepatitis C and B screening for IDUs and MSM, and hepatitis A vaccination for MSM and persons with hepatitis B or C infection. STD clinic HIV health advisors and STD field investigators will be cross-trained to provide hepatitis, HIV, and STD prevention and follow-up services (3, 6, 12 months). They will assist clients in obtaining needed services, provide periodic STD and HIV testing when indicated, and document intermediate-term (12 months) effectiveness.

**RESULTS:** The STD clinic has dispensed >5,000 hepatitis B vaccine doses (Feb 98 – Mar 99), case management was attempted for 415 persons overdue for hepatitis B series completion doses (Nov 98 – Mar 99), and 31 persons with chronic hepatitis B were counseled and offered partner vaccination (Jan – Mar 1999). Updated hepatitis B vaccination, case management, and partner management (hepatitis B and HIV PCRS) results will be presented.

**LESSONS LEARNED:** Hepatitis vaccination services can be added to confidential HIV counseling and testing in an STD clinic and STD field investigators can deliver partner management services for persons with chronic hepatitis B infection using a syphilis STD model. Using a task-oriented collaborative approach, staff can be cross-trained and high-risk clients and their partners should be able to receive comprehensive treatment and preventive services for hepatitis, HIV and STDs. Having hepatitis screening available, especially for hepatitis C, should increase the number of IDUs accessing services – many of whom are in need of HIV counseling and testing and STD screening.

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